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Filed: June 20, 2003
First Named Inventor: Lina, C., et al
Attorney Docket No.: VAC.5671.US
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2. Fee Transmittal (in duplicate for accounting purposes);
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (in duplicate for accounting purposes); and
4. Response to Office Action Mailed April 28, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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Application Number	10/600,061
Filing Date	June 20, 2003
First Named Inventor	LINA, Cesar Z, et al
Art Unit	3761
Examiner Name	HAND, Melanie Jo
Attorney Docket Number	VAC.5671.US

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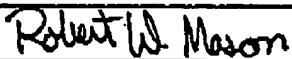
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
120.00

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)
50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)
200 100

Multiple dependent claims

Fee (\$)
360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=	

Multiple Dependent Claims	
Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)

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